

ELISHA AND SARAH ANN CUMMING JONES and family (Rachel Ann Jones Lee is sitting to the left of her father).



I was born in Ohio, Jefferson County, town of Warn, on the 11th day of June, 1813.

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My parents had four children: James, the oldest, myself, Jacob and Elizabeth Ann-My father, Thomas Jones, was born

November 3, 1787. My mother, Mary Naylor, was born two years before he was born

My father didn't unite with any religion of the day, but he believed the Baptist persuasion. My mother was raised a Quaker. She was turned out of her home for marrying out of her church.

In 1825, my father moved to Wells township, where I met the girl I married, Margret Talbot. We were married September 3, 1831.

Her parents both died when she was 13 months old. She was living with her grandmother when I married her.

Her father's name was Absolem Talbot and her mother was Sarah Mulholland.

In early life I felt concerned about religion and sought the Lord in prayer. I joined the Reborn Methodist Church and was baptized. In about two weeks I was elected class leader and placed over the branch of 130 members. This was in Pensville, Morgan County, Ohio.

About 1842, James Dunn came into our neighborhood and told the people about the Mormons. My brother James believed the word and left for Illinois.

I read their books and believed them, especially the "Voice of Warning." My wife was dissatisfied with my reading, so I laid it by for a while.

James went to Illinois and joined The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

After the death of Joseph and Hyrum Smith the saints were driven from Illinois to Winter Quarters.

James came back to my father's home in Ohio. He taught us the gospel and baptized me and my wife at night. This was about March 3, 1847.

We began preparations to leave for Winter Quarters, arriving there July 27, 1847. With me were my wife and my family, Martha. John, Mary and Elizabeth.

I moved back across the river to Panesville in the spring of 1848. I bought some tools and began blacksmithing.

I was ordained an Elder and a Seventy by President Samuel Spaague and recommended to preach the gospel.

In the spring of 1850 I started for Salt Lake City and arrived September 7, 1850,

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They reached Provo on October 12, 1852. Their journey had taken them four months and 12 days.

The family lived in Provo until 1858. Sons William and Isaac Cummings came with people by the name of Parker to Wasatch County.

The boys returned to Provo for the winter. In the spring they came back to their land. "Pap" and son John brought their 300 sheep. They took other people's sheep to herd until the flock numbered 1,800 head.

When fall came. John had to take the sheep back to Provo. When he came to the river he met a man who asked him how he was going to get the sheep across. John tied a rope to the leader and the man took the rope. John made the other sheep follow.

In the spring of 1861 the family came to the valley to make their home.

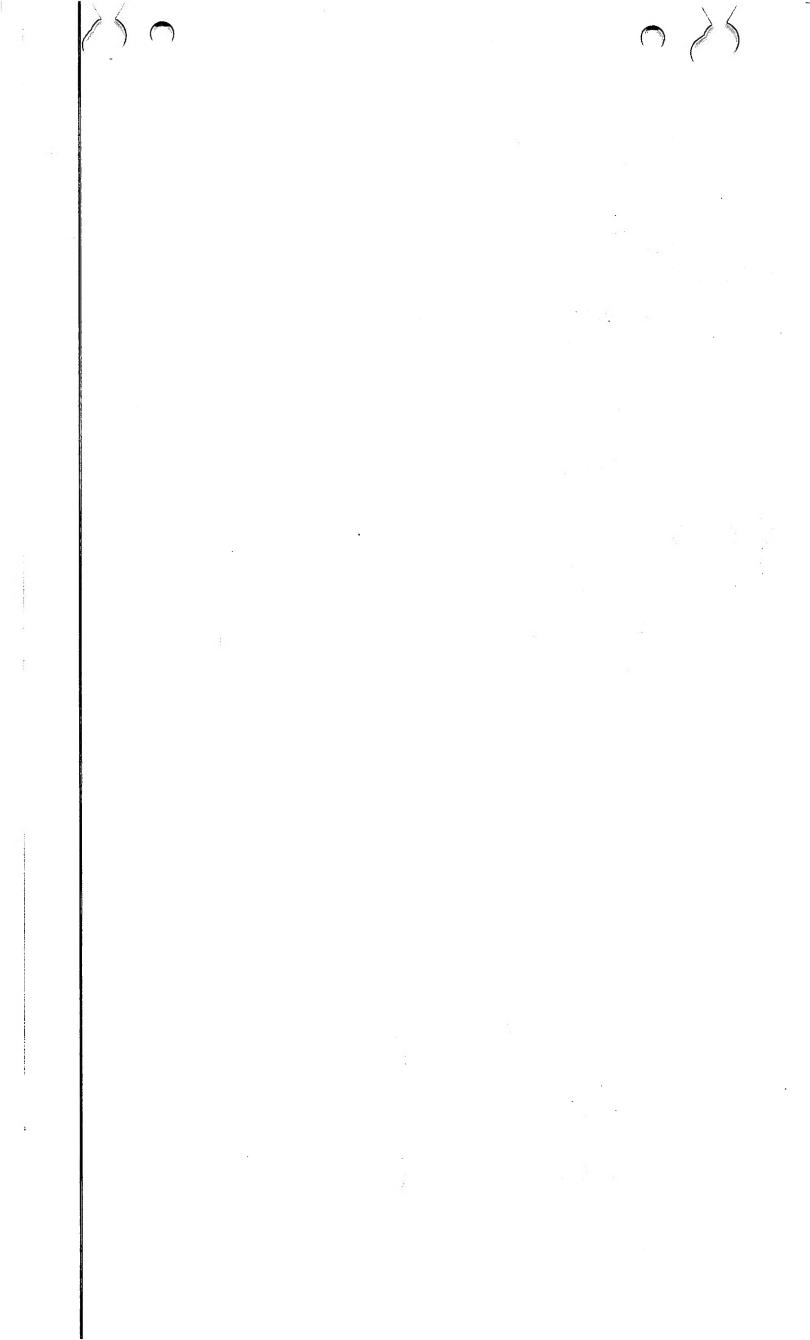
"Pap's" first home was inside the fort. His next home was on West Main Street and First North. This house had two rooms. They lived here, with the help of nieces. until they were unable to care for themselves.

Their daughter, "Aunt Sally" Jones, took them into her home and cared for them until their death.

Rachel Canarda Cummings died on March 29, 1895, at the age of 84.

John Cummings died on September 8, 1895, at the age of 93.

Their children included: Harmon, Sarah Ann, William, Mary Jane, Nancy, Isaac, John James and Malinda.





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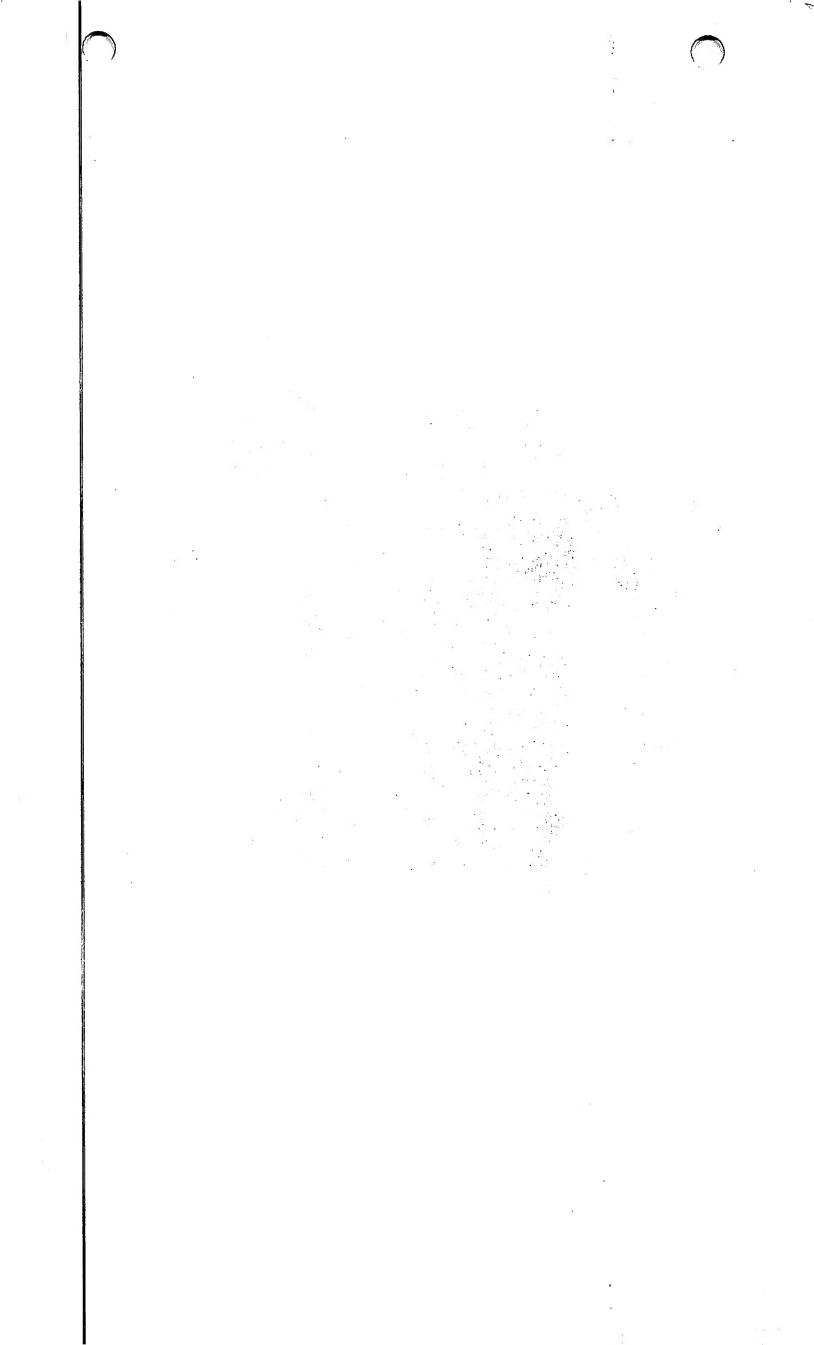
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JONES, ELISHA (son of Thomas Jones and Mary Naylor).

Born June 11, 1813, in Jefferson county, Ohio. Came to Utah 1850, Matthew Caldwell company.

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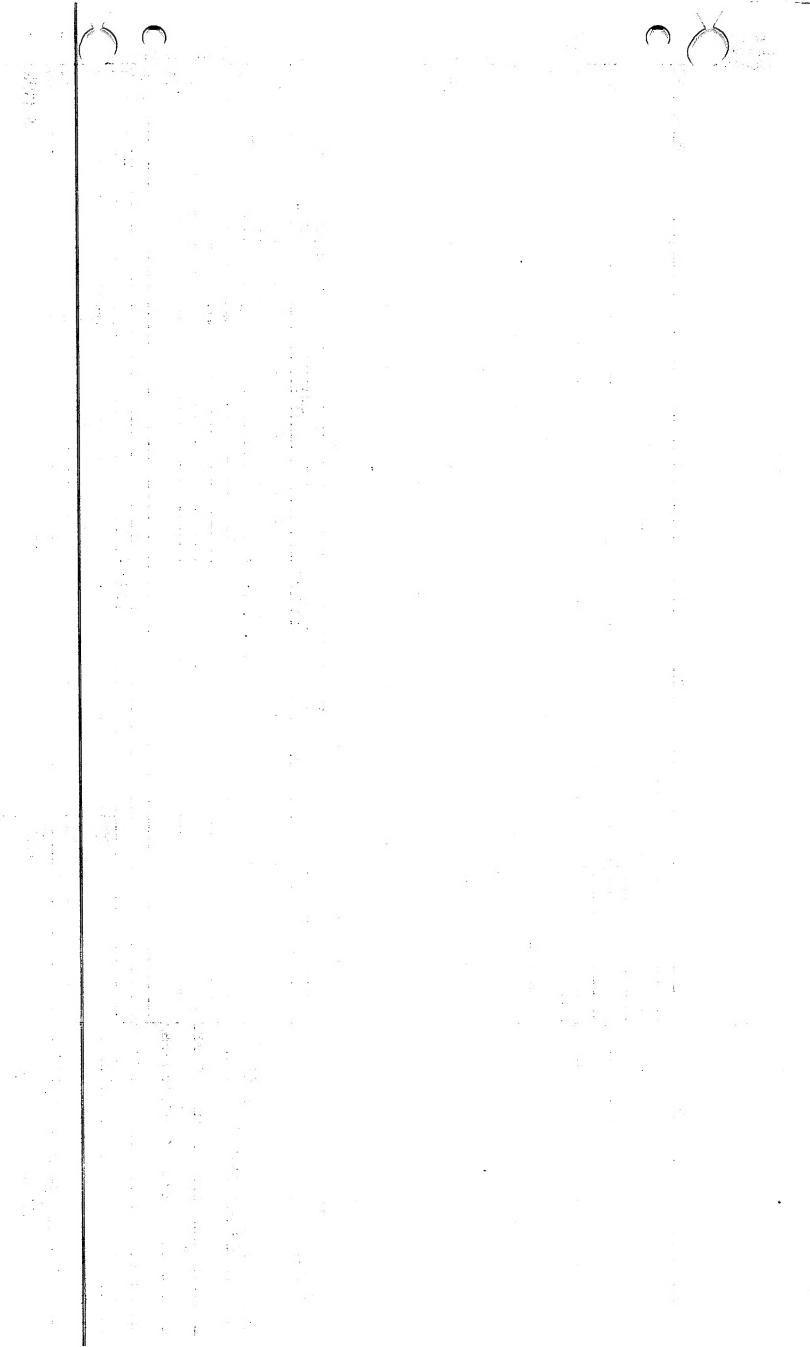
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JOHN AND SARAH ROEBUCK LEE



Sarah Roebuck was born July 20, 1821. at Adsack Woodhouse. Yorkshire, England. She was the daughter of Sampson Roebuck and Phoebe Marshall. Sarah was baptized in Mizson, Northinghamshire, England, in May, 1849, at the age of 28.

John Lee was born at Mizson. Nothinghamshire, England. January 18, 1822. He was left fatherless at the age of two.

At 10 years of age he went to work on a farm until he was 18. He was married to Sarah Roebuck at the age of 18. He worked at a foundry six years.

He joined The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in England January 28, 1846.

Some time between baptism and the time he left England he was a traveling Elder and as near as can be found he baptized 18 or 20 persons.

On March 22, 1856, he and the family

left England on the ship "Enock Train" for Boston.

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He left Sheffield, Yorkshire, England, by rail for Liverpool, under the direction of Elders Frost and McDonald, all rejoicing in going to help in the building up of the Lord's kingdom in the valleys of the Rocky Mountains.

On the ocean we saw many schools of porpoises and some whale.

Some children were born and some died while crossing. It was sorrowful to witness their burial in the briny deep. One day, while we were watching the fish, a dead man floated past. Some other ship apparently had buried him.

After being on the sea many days we landed in Boston on May 1. The ship carried 534 saints. The boat's skipper was Captain Henry P. Rich.

The presidency of the company consisted of Elder James Ferguson. Elder Edmund Ellsworth and Elder Daniel D. McArthur.

We then left Boston for New York and arrived May 2. We left New York at 5 o'clock for Iowa, traveling by rail, and left Chicago at 11 o'clock at night, arriving at Rock Island at 9 o'clock the next morning.

On May 10, at 8 o'clock, we crossed the Missouri River.

Monday, May 12, at 3 o'clock, we arrived at Iowa, dragging our luggage about two miles to a camp ground, where we fixed some tents that were made aboard ship.

It rained and was cold.

May 14—My children came down with the fever.

June 7—Started our trek with our handcarts. It was slow and dusty. We had to allow three of our children to ride all the way (one six months, one two years and one four years old).

June 15—Our son, William Lee, 12, died, also Sister Prator's child. We buried them by moonlight on Bear Creek.

I repaired handcarts every day.

June 26—Traveled about one mile. We were faint from lack of food. We were allowed only about 3/4 lb. of flour a person each day and about 3 ozs. of sugar each week. About 1/2 lb. bacon was allowed each week.

We buried someone nearly every day.

July 1—Cloudy and began to rain: traveled about 15 miles; repaired handcarts. A storm came about 11 that night. It split the tent and there was not a dry thread on us.

A boy was lost and at another time a man was lost, but after a long search both were found.

July 9-Rested at Florence City, mending handcarts and women washing.

July 20—Started again and traveled seven miles.

July 22—Passed over the ferry at Elkhorn. July 24—Very hot—went about 18 miles.

July 26—Passed over the ferry at Luke Fort — traveled about six miles when it looked very heavy and black. We had not gone far when it began lightning and the thunder roared. In about the middle of the train of handcarts the lightning struck a brother and he fell dead. His name was Henry Walker, from Carlisle, age 58. Left a wife and two sons. I put the body, with the help of the others, on handcart and pulled him two miles to camp, and buried him without a coffin. There were no boards available.

August 2-We saw many buffalo: traveled about 18 miles.

August 6—Were thousands of buffalo: four were killed for food: 14 last of buffalo seen, some were killed and dried.

August 23—Traveled about 16 milescamped by Platte River. Our allowance of flour tonight was 1 lb. per person, for this I was thankful, for I never was so hungry.

Captain Ellsworth shot a cow, which was received thankfully.

September 5—Rested, rained all day. September 6—Lost cattle.

September 12—Sarah very poorly. Archer Walters and family were tent mates of the Lees. He died a fortnight after arriving in Salt Lake. He helped John Lee to make all the untimely coffins and to bury their fellow travelers.

We arrived September 26, 1856, in Salt Lake Valley, in the Edmund Ellsworth company. They rested a week in Salt Lake and went to Spanish Fork—stayed there three years.

Then we moved up Provo Valley, now known as Wasatch County. There were 28 families here then. John and Sarah Lee had 12 children born to them, four boys and

eight girls. Their home was the first one with a fireplace and chimney in when finished. She was a midwife. At Christmas they had the first party in the valley. In the summer, Sarah gathered ground cherries and dried them, then in the fall she made syrup from beets, and at Christmas time she preserved the dried ground cherries in the beet syrup and made a plum pudding for the Christmas dessert.

John Lee helped build bridges and kill rattlesnakes. Midway was alive with them.

He was a Black Hawk War veteran. John Lee was loved by all who knew him.

and was a hard worker and an honest man.

John and Sarah had 12 children, 64 grandchildren, 86 great-grandchildren, and two
great-great-grandchildren. They always
were singing and had prayer at night.

She died at home in Wasatch County, September 14, 1909,

John Lee died at Heber City on June 18, 1907.

Both were buried in Heber City.

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